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SUBJECT: EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEES

REF: STATE 275328

1. NO EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE CURRENTLY EXISTS AT THIS POST, NOR CAN WE FIND ANY EVIDENCE IN THE FILES THAT ANY HAS EXISTED HERE FOR AT LEAST PAST TWO YEARS. IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT A MORE INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN DEEMED ADEQUATE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

A. VENEZUELA IS NOT A PRODUCING COUNTRY

B. THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE OF ANY REFINING ACTIVITY HERE

C. VENEZUELA HAS NOT BEEN ON ANY OF THE MAJOR TRANSIT ROUTES TO THE U.S.

D. THE INTERNAL USER PROBLEM DOES NOT SEEM TO BE OF SIGNIFICANT PROPORTIONS.

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2. SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IN SEPTEMBER, HE HAS INAUGURATED REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINS WITH THE DEA DISTRICT OFFICE (WHICH IS ALSO REPRESENTED AT WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE MEETINGS WITH THE AMBASSADOR). SINCE THE DEA REGIONAL OFFICE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM CARACAS IN AUGUST, AND THE FORMER AID REGIONAL NARCOTICS ADVISOR POSITION HAS REMAINED

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UNFILLED, NO OTHER USG AGENCY REPRESENTED HERE HAS HAD ANY LOCAL MISSION IN THIS AREA.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ITS PRESENT INFORMAL SYSTEM OF COORDINATION IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE IN THE LIGHT OF THE LOW LEVEL OF NARCOTICS PROBLEM HERE. IF THERE IS AN ESTABLISHED REQUIREMENT FOR FORMAL COMMITTEE AT EVERY POST, THE EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE, CONSTITUTE ONE.
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